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Response to Office Action mailed 08/19/2008

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed August 19, 2008, has been carefully reviewed and this paper is

Applicant's response thereto. Claims 1-60 are pending. Claims 1-8 are cancelled without

prejudice or disclaimer and Applicant reserves the right to file similar claims in a continuation

In view of the cancelled claims, all pending claims are indicated as being allowable

(claims 9-60). Accordingly, a notice of allowability is respectfully requested.

In order to clarify the record, Applicants would like to note that the Office Action states

that "the examiner is reestablishing the rejection of claims 1-8 over Decant, Jr. et al. in view of

Reinicke, et. al." (Office Action, pg. 2) (emphasis added). However, the prior rejection of

claims 1-8 as presented on June 12, 2002 was based on Decant, Jr. et al. in view of *Idriss, et al.* 

instead of Reinicke. Additionally, the examiner's discussion on page 3 of the Office Action is

based on Decant in view of Idriss. Applicants assume this was a typographical error and the

rejection should have been based on Decant, Jr in view of Idriss.

If any matters exist that may be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to call the

undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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